

Amendment to the Specification:

Please replace the Abstract with the following amended paragraph:

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A CORBA Gateway between CORBA-based client manager applications and an enterprise manager may be configurable to manage various networked objects, ~~such as printers, scanners, copiers, telephone systems, cell phones, cell phone towers, phone systems, faxes, routers, switches, etc.,~~ which may be interconnected via networks. CORBA-based TMN manager applications may be communicatively coupled to a CORBA Object Request Broker (ORB). The manager applications may be operable to send Interface Definition Language (IDL) requests to managed objects and receive IDL responses and CORBA events from managed objects through the CORBA ORB. The client manager may first be authenticated to the Gateway by username and password, or other validation information associated with the client manager, which may be represented in a user profile. Once the initial client authentication is accomplished, the Gateway may provide object-level access control between manager applications and managed objects, authenticating the client for each event type at the individual object level. ~~This may be accomplished by including user information with each message sent to or from a managed object. The Gateway may also provide the client applications access to the Management Information System service which provides security/audit trails of TMN management/object transactions via a logging function which may be used to track event or request related traffic and save related information.~~